

UP TO THE  
MINUTE

## LATEST DOINGS IN SPORTLAND

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## Eastern Magnates Complete Plans -- Will Ask For Class A Rating

Officials Get Down To  
Business At Springfield

Cities Lined Up for Circuit—Waterbury and Providence Replace Portland and Lawrence—Boost General Admission Price—No Decision Reached on Starting Time—Lane Holds Proxy for Danny Murphy.

Springfield, April 9—Michael J. Garrity slipped into Springfield yesterday afternoon from Portland, Me., stayed here long enough to plead for the retention of the Maine city in the Eastern league, took \$2,500 as a bail for the franchise and another check for the Portland players on the reserve list and hopped out again. Garrity as Portland's representative, jumped out of one league and into another, for his rush to the train, after hearing the worst about Portland as a desirable city for Eastern league purposes, was made so that he might horn in on another baseball meeting which was held in Boston for the purpose of reviving the major portion of the old New England League.

Mr. Garrity was told that the league regretted parting company with Hiram Abrams, owner of the Portland franchise but couldn't see its way clear to retain that city in the 1918 lineup. And so he got his cash and departed.

All of the clubs were represented with the exception of Hartford. Owner James T. Collins of New Haven was unable to take part in the deliberations but C. P. Lane, Jr., of Bridgeport held his proxy. Jack Flynn continued as the Lawrence representative, although that franchise has been transferred to Waterbury and Flynn has assumed the managerial reins at New London. Until such a time as the league secures a representative from Waterbury, Flynn will be its representative and George P. Prest continue in the role of New London's representative, a task that will fall to Flynn later on.

President Dan O'Neil was unable to be present. He is ill at his home in Holyoke and has had two reverses so that his physicians considered it extremely unwise for him to venture out yesterday. In his absence Mr. Prest presided but the league took cognizance of his absence by instructing Secretary Thomas A. O'Brien to write him the regrets of the club owners and wish him an early recovery.

In the order of business taken up the Lawrence franchise was assigned to Waterbury. Robert W. Emmons, 2d, of Boston is the owner of the baseball property but is absent in Europe on pressing war business. He is connected with the naval forces in European waters and in his absence the league will see that his interests at Waterbury are safeguarded. Bill Hinchman, second baseman at Lawrence last season has already been named as manager.

When the Portland franchise situation came up for discussion Manager Garrity pointed out that Owner Abrams was anxious to continue in the Eastern League and did not look on the removal of the Lawrence franchise to Waterbury as a drawback to the retention of Portland in the league. He was willing to continue Manager Garrity said in spite of the disadvantage Portland would be geographically with the rest of the cities of the league. But the club owners told Mr. Garrity that while they appreciated Owner Abrams' willingness to continue they felt it bad policy to have Portland in the league this season and according to the rules the league was privileged to take over the Portland franchise for \$2,500. This was done and a price was paid for the Portland players. It was decided to write Owner Abrams of the league's regret at the action taken.

Then followed the purchase of the Portland franchise and players by the Rhode Island Exhibition Co., which operated the Providence club in the disbanded International League. The players sold by Providence to Portland several weeks ago under a gentleman's agreement had already been turned back to Providence prior to the calling of the meeting and was a matter of merely exchanging checks. B. P. Moulton, president of the Rhode Island Exhibition Co., and Manager Eddie Eayra, who is also vice president of the concern, were present and represented Providence in the deal.

Because of the change in starting time of the season this year the dates for the payment of the league dues and assessments were changed and the time for filing the bonds of \$1,500 was shifted to May 1, another move to meet the new situation. The bonds are required from each club to guarantee the league that the various clubs will start and finish the season and also live up to the league rules.

Discussion of the war taxes took up no inconsiderable time. As a result there was a compromise. In the case of the purchase of admission tickets alone without the grandstand privilege fans will be required to pay two cents more than the war tax, but when the admission and grandstand tickets are purchased, at the same time the straight war tax alone will be assessed. That means that the usual 25 cents admission will be 30 cents and the admission and grandstand fee will be 55 cents. For those who have baseball passes and are required to pay a war tax a special reel will be provided, tickets being given out with the presentation of a pass and taken up at the gate and grandstand when accompanied by a showing of the pass.

No attempt was made to pass any rule regarding the time of starting games this season. The daylight savings law makes it possible for the club owners to shift their starting times to their own advantage, but this question was left with the various clubs to settle for themselves. Heretofore no attempt has been made to govern the starting time in any of the league cities and there appeared to be no reason why any change should be made from the established custom at this time.

Owner William E. Carey of the Springfield club, who was the first man in the league to boost for a new rating for the Eastern League, when the way was opened by the death of the old International League, had the satisfaction of seeing his suggestion

put through. President O'Neil was instructed to take whatever steps are necessary to secure a class A rating for the Eastern League. This question must be taken up with the National Board of Arbitration and accepted by the National Commission. It consists of furnishing proofs of population of at least 1,000,000, but the last national census does not show that much population in the new Eastern League. Estimated census way over the class A requirements and if there is any way of proving this President O'Neil is to be the man to find it out. It means more money from drafted players for the club owners of the league and also gives an idea of faster baseball, a factor that is well worth while considering.

Work on preparing the schedule for the coming season will be started at once and next Sunday, Chairman M. J. McMahon of Worcester, William E. Carey of Springfield and James T. Collins of New Haven, will meet here to start building it. In the meantime the club owners are expected to submit the dates at home which they wish to avoid. There are always more or less of these days.

Sporting  
Chatter

## PHILOSOPHICAL NOTE.

We've often wondered what becomes of men, Who's star just shines for a short space and then Dime and goes out, and seems forever lost!

Do they, from where they go, come back again?

Pat Moran is still suffering because so many of his players are still holding out. Under the conditions it is impossible for him to dope out a regular lineup. But President Baker stands firm, and that's all there is to it, until the wandering sheep come back into the fold.

No parents ever watched their sons depart for the war with greater sorrow than New York fans are contemplating the departure of Bob Shawkey, the Yankee twirler. Bob is getting ready to enlist.

Bert Niehoff, while holding up the Phillies, believed that Pat Moran couldn't get along without him. But Moran has made a good deal by trading Niehoff to the Cardinals for Pitcher Mule Watson. Moran ought to get winning results out of the big right hander.

The Phillies' pitching staff begins to look formidable with Beuchner, Bender, Mayer, Watson, Hogg, Davis, Woodward, Prendergast and Tincup to draw from.

Vic Saler, the Pirates' first baseman, who is wanted by the Cubs, will have to remain idle for some time, as Barney Dreyfus declares he will not be traded.

Legalized Sunday baseball would help the proposed new International League clubs in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton. Sunday games already can be played in Jersey City, Newark and Baltimore. Toronto is the only exception.

While the Red Sox are showing up the Robins the Braves are easy marks for the Yankees. Perhaps you can guess how Boston fans feel about it!

Connie Mack says that the Athletics will present a formidable batting order with Oldring, Jamieson, Gardner, Burns, Walker, Dugan, Shannon and Cody as regulars.

McGaffigan, a California boy, will play second base for the Phillies this year. He is faster with his hands, feet and head than Niehoff, so Pat Moran says.

Fred Mitchell is striving hard to have the Cubs' star pitchers in tip-top condition when the season opens a week from next Tuesday. Good box-work is Mitchell's only hope.

## SEATON GOES TO COAST.

Chicago, April 9—Manager Mitchell of the Chicago Nationals yesterday announced that Pitcher Tom Seaton had been sold to the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast League and Outfielder Harry Wolter to Sacramento.

SWEET PEAS, VIOLETS, TULIPS, DAFFODILS.  
JOHN RECK & SON.

ATHLETICS  
ORGANIZE

The Athletics have organized for the coming season and have promised to give the baseball fans in this city some interesting games this year. The lineup for the season will be as follows: Casserly, Mirke, Shea, Silzer, Haverly, Neubauer, Johnson, Mulaney, also all others wishing a tryout please communicate with Manager Silzer at the club rooms or by phone, number 5638.

HERZOG WILL  
REPORT TO N. Y.

New York, April 9.—Charles Lincoln Herzog, the former captain of the Giants, unexpectedly arrived in this city yesterday from the south. The Canteloupe King, looking in the best of health, once more declared that he is through negotiating with the Boston club and that he will report to Manager McGraw at the Polo Grounds at the opening of the season.

When Harry Hempstead, president of the Giants, was informed that Herzog was in town, he said:

## CARDS RELEASE BENTON.

St. Louis, April 9.—Leland Benton, former Michigan University catcher, who made the spring training trip with the St. Louis Nationals, has been unconditionally released. President Branch Rickey announced. Benton has decided to give up baseball and has accepted a position as civil engineer at Dayton, O.

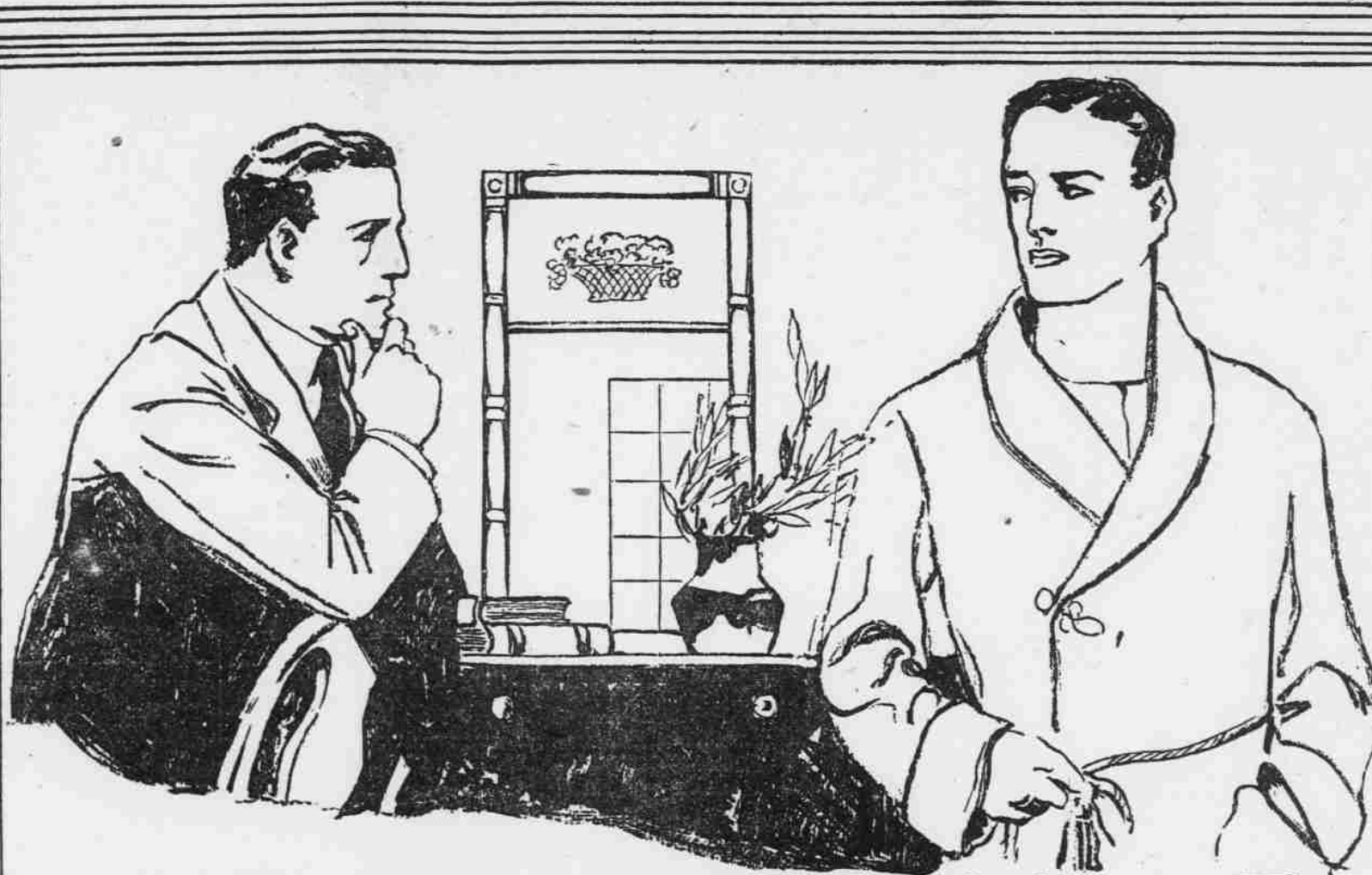
"I have not met Herzog and have no engagement with him. Furthermore I will have no more dealings with him unless he reports to Manager McGraw here on April 15."

BORRELL SOFT  
FOR LEONARD

Philadelphia, April 8.—Benny Leonard simply toyed with Young Joe Borrell in a six-round bout here last night. The champion was master of the proceedings from the first tap of the gong, and it appeared that he could have put Borrell down for the count had he so desired. In the last round the crowd was clamoring for a knockout, but Leonard shook his head, and did not force the pace against his fast-weakening opponent. In the first round the complexion of

the match was indicated when Leonard, about five seconds before the bell, dropped his rival to the floor with a left hook to the jaw. From then to the close Leonard was never pressed by his antagonist. Furthermore, the champion did not cut loose with his speed in the least. He was content to let Borrell stay the limit. Every one of the six rounds was in Leonard's favor by a wide margin.

It would seem as if everyone who expects other people to send their boys to the trenches might at least get along for a few months on corn bread instead of white flour.

Will You Go to School for a Few  
Minutes—and Learn How to Shave

IT MAY prove the most profitable ten minutes' instruction you've ever had. Especially if you happen to be one of the few who are not yet Gillette-wise.

Even if you are one of the thousands of men in this community who use the Gillette, and use it right.

Perhaps you'd better read it anyhow—and be sure you're getting all that the Gillette can deliver. It may make a great difference in your daily shave.

Now we want to tell you right here that whatever your type of beard or skin, if you have the slightest discomfort while shaving, you simply haven't caught on to the little Gillette knack.

THIS is Gillette Service Week. The Stores are showing all the latest New Models in Gillette Razors and Shaving Sets. A number of Gillette Service Experts direct from headquarters will be in town for several days.

We are going to talk to you through these experts, and through the Gillette Dealers, and in the newspapers all this week.

We know some facts about the best method of shaving that we want to share with you.

HOLD the razor naturally and easily, and tilt the handle so you can feel the blade engage the beard. (Here's where some men make a mistake: they tilt the handle up or down too much, and make a scraper of a Gillette instead of a razor.)

Keep the edge of the blade as nearly flat against the skin as you possibly can. Then shave with short, slanting strokes.

Most men get the best results by screwing the blade tight down to the guard. But if you want an extra-close shave, just unscrew the handle a part turn to loosen the edge a trifle.

It's true, thousands do shave with the Gillette in a bad position and the

blade in the wrong relation to the skin, a scraping instead of a shaving position. And they enjoy their shave.

But they would enjoy it much more if they would get the knack of using the Gillette properly.

If this isn't perfectly clear, or you have the slightest trouble in getting the "knack," talk to one of our Service Experts or to your Gillette Dealer, and let him tell you what's what.

For the Gillette wants to help every man in America to get what's coming to him—and what really belongs to him—a 100% efficient, velvet-smooth Gillette shave. The very best shave in the world. No Stroping—No Honing.

But if you're one of those "lingering chaps" that's lagging behind the modern shaving proposition, who never tried the Gillette and don't believe you could shave with it, ask yourself this—and then answer it:

Do you think that millions of men in every corner of the globe—successful men who know the value of time, cleanliness and real service—would use the Gillette if it wasn't the very best shaving tool they could get anywhere?

Do you think that the big men of America—men who could afford any kind of shaving service—would nearly all use the Gillette if they knew of anything better?

The real fact is that the Gillette is the best answer ever found to the shaving problem, and if there is a man anywhere who does not find the Gillette Razor the best razor for him it is solely because he has not caught the simple knack of using it.

THE MEANING OF GILLETTE  
SERVICE

The Gillette Service Experts and all Gillette dealers want to be of service to every Gillette user in town.

They will show you that little knack of the Gillette Shave—how to prepare the face for shaving; the correct angle stroke; the adjustment for a light or a close shave.

Bring in your Gillette, have it looked over. It may be damaged, bent, out of alignment—They may make some valuable suggestions or put your razor in shape free of charge.

Try this when you shave tomorrow morning: Lather the beard thoroughly, and rub well in—that's essential with any shave.

Put in a new blade and screw the handle down tight. Then if you want a specially close shave, unscrew the handle a part turn.

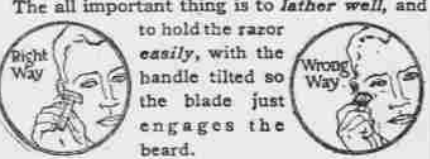
Hold the razor naturally and easily, and tilt the handle so you can just feel the blade engage the beard.

(Here's where some men make a mistake. They tilt the handle up or down too much and make a scraper of a Gillette instead of a razor.)

Then shave with short, slanting strokes. It doesn't require any brute force to shave with a Gillette—the razor does the work.

Keep the edge of the blade as nearly flat against the skin as you can. Any man will catch the knack of using his Gillette in one or two shaves so he won't feel the slightest pull. In fact, when the Gillette is properly used the beard slips off without your knowing it.

The all important thing is to lather well, and to hold the razor easily, with the handle tilted so the blade just engages the beard.



## GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR COMPANY, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Come talk with the Gillette Service Experts. You will find them in the stores of the following Gillette dealers on the specified dates:

April 8 to 10—ATLANTIC PHARMACY, 990 Main St.

April 8 to 13—THE HAWLEY HARDWARE CO., 1120 Main St.

April 11 to 13—J. D. HARTIGAN, 81 Fairfield Ave.

April 8 to 13—THE HINDLE PHARMACY, 993 Main St.

April 8 to 13—LIGGETT'S DRUG STORE, 1112 Main St.